

## AAUW Iowa Branch Connector

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**The Value of Affiliation with AAUW:** *By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

*Welcome to this monthly electronic publication. You are invited to share this information with the new branch president, other branch leaders and members by forwarding it to them, or providing a hard copy.* – Diane Patton, AAUW IA President

**See Photos of Iowans at the Association Convention Posted at [www.aauwiowa.org](http://www.aauwiowa.org)**

### **Iowa is One of Seven States Awarded Impact Grant**

It was announced June 28, at the AAUW Convention that Iowa is one of seven states awarded an Impact Grant for 2009. The \$900 Iowa grant will focus on the realization of gender balance as quickly as possible on city and county boards, commissions and committees. The Iowa gender balance legislation was signed into law on May 26, 2009.

### **Iowa recognized at St Louis Convention for Mary Ann Ahrens/Iowa Giving Circle**

- AAUW Iowa achieved **First Place** in the Top Ten Leaders who develop other women's potential to lead in their schools, communities and country through **Total State Giving to the Leadership and Training Institute**.
- In addition, AAUW Iowa achieved **Second Place** in **State Per Capita Giving to the Leadership and Training Institute**.
- **Clarion Branch** achieved **4<sup>th</sup> Place** and **Calhoun County Branch** achieved **Sixth Place** in **Total Branch Giving to the Leadership and Training Institute**.

### **Additional Recognition at St Louis**

- **Eva Ann Elmer, Mary A. Grefe, Alice McKee and Florine Swanson** have remembered AAUW mission through their estate plans and are recognized as **Legacy Circle Members**.
- **Bequests received during the calendar years 2007-2008** include the **Janet Wray** bequest.
- **Breaking Through Barriers Major Gifts Campaign Charter Donors**, made gifts and pledges between July 1, 2008 and May 1, 2009, and include: **Valentina Martin, Florine Swanson, Rowena Hardinger, Diane Patton, Mary Ann Ahrens, Mary Ann Erb**. The campaign will continue through June 30, 2010 and you are invited to join to reach a goal of \$1 million.
- **Lida Mary Sigg**, was recognized as an **AAUW Convention Banquet Sponsor**.

### **New Association Bylaws Institute One Member, One Vote**

#### **Educational Requirement Retained for Individual Membership**

The delegate voting procedure that was originally designed to accommodate a nationwide organization will be replaced by a one member, one vote system which will allow all members –not just those who can attend the convention- to determine the governance and future of our association. Additional information is available at [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/briefings/memberVoteBriefing\\_062309.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/memberVoteBriefing_062309.cfm).

Anyone who holds an associate or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university can join AAUW as an individual (member-at-large) or as a member of one of AAUW's branches. (Branch members also belong to the national organization.) This membership requirement is the same as the 2007 Association Bylaws.

### **Sample Bylaws will be available from the Association**

The Association will provide sample bylaws for states and branches. The new bylaws will be more streamlined and allow for flexible structures to reflect the diverse ways states and branches function.

### **AAUW IA Board of Directors meets July 10-11 at Twin Lakes Conference Center, Manson**

The Board will develop the 2009-2010 plan of work.